

1 AN ACT concerning physician assistants.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 2. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987
5 is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 95/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 4607)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 7. Supervision requirements. No more than 2
9 physician assistants shall be supervised by the supervising
10 physician, although a physician assistant shall be able to
11 hold more than one professional position. Each supervising
12 physician shall file a notice of supervision of such
13 physician assistant according to the rules of the Department.
14 However, the alternate supervising physician may supervise
15 more than 2 physician assistants when the supervising
16 physician is unable to provide such supervision consistent
17 with the definition of alternate physician in Section 4.

18 Physician assistants shall be supervised only by
19 physicians as defined in this Act who are engaged in clinical
20 practice, or in clinical practice in public health or other
21 community health facilities.

22 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
23 delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a nurse or
24 other appropriately trained personnel.

25 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the
26 employment of physician assistants by a hospital, nursing
27 home or other health care facility where such physician
28 assistants function under the supervision of a supervising
29 physician.

30 Physician assistants may be employed by the Department of
31 Corrections or the Department of Human Services (as successor

1 to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental
2 Disabilities) for service in facilities maintained by such
3 Departments and affiliated training facilities in programs
4 conducted under the authority of the Director of Corrections
5 or the Secretary of Human Services. Each physician assistant
6 employed by the Department of Corrections or the Department
7 of Human Services (as successor to the Department of Mental
8 Health and Developmental Disabilities) shall be under the
9 supervision of a physician engaged in clinical practice and
10 direct patient care. Duties of each physician assistant
11 employed by such Departments are limited to those within the
12 scope of practice of the supervising physician who is fully
13 responsible for all physician assistant activities.

14 A physician assistant may be employed by a practice group
15 or other entity employing multiple physicians at one
16 location. In that case, (i) one of the physicians practicing
17 at that location shall be designated the primary supervising
18 physician and (ii) each physician practicing at that location
19 may supervise the physician assistant with respect to the
20 patients of that physician, and shall not be deemed an
21 alternate supervising physician for the purpose of this Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97; 90-116, eff. 7-14-97.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.